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SUBJ: ECEVIT ON PROPAGANDA WARFARE IN GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS,
PROSPECTS FOR EMBARGO'S REPEAL

1. PRIMIN ECEVIT, IN PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 9 COVERING SEVERAL TOPICS (SEE SEPTELS), OBSERVED THAT "AN INTENSIVE PROPAGANDA WAS HAS BEEN LAUNCHED AGAINST TURKEY. HOWEVER, WE WILL NOT LAUNCH A COUNTER-WAR. WE ARE ONLY FIGHTING BACK BY EXPLAINING THE REALITIES...WE ARE ESPECIALLY TRYING TO EXPLAIN OURSELVES TO THE PUBLICS OF THE COUNTRIES WE VISIT."
2. ECEVIT NOTED THAT "MEANWHILE, THE AMERICAN ARMS EMBARGO CONTINUES. IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER IT WILL BE REPEALED. WE HAVE DECDED TO WAIT FOR CONGRESS'S DECISION..."
3. ON THE ISSUE OF CYPRUS NEGOTIATION, HE DECLARED: "THE GREEKS AND GREEK CYPRIOTS HAVE LAUNCHED A RUTHLESS PROPAGANDA

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CAMPAIGN AGAINST OUR PROPOSALS, WHICH HAVE BEEN DEFINED AS CONCRETE AND SUBSTANTIVE. IF WE HAD PUT FORWARD OTHER PROPOSALS...THEY STILL WOULD HAVE FOUND SOME PRETEXT AND LAUNCHED THIS CAMPAIGN. THEY STILL WOULD HAVE REFRAINED FROM SITTING AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE..." SPIERS

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